

This Washington Post/ABT-SRBI poll was conducted by telephone Oct. 24-27, 2013, among a random sample of 1,251 adults in the Commonwealth of Virginia, including users of both conventional and cellular phones. The error margin is four percentage points for the sample of 1,061 registered voters and 4.5 points for the sample of 762 likely gubernatorial election voters. Sampling, data collection and tabulation by Abt-SRBI of New York.

*= less than 0.5 percent
RV=Registered voters
LV=Likely voters

For additional detail on the poll's methodology, e-mail polls@washpost.com.

1. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) I'd like you to rate the chances that you will vote in the November governor's election: Are you absolutely certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or less than that?

		Certain to vote	Probably vote	Chances 50/50	Less than that	Don't think will vote (vol.)	Already voted (vol.)	No op.
10/27/13	RV	64	14	11	8	1	1	*
9/22/13	RV	60	19	12	8	1	0	*
5/2/13	RV	67	15	11	6	1	0	*
10/25/09	RV	60	16	13	6	2	1	1
10/7/09	RV	53	20	15	9	3	*	1
9/17/09	RV	53	19	16	9	3		1
8/14/09	RV	61	16	13	7	2		*
9/9/05	RV	68	18	9	4	1		0
10/25/01	RV	63	19	10	5	2		1
8/23/01	RV	68	16	10	5	1		*
8/27/00	RV	76	14	7	2	1		*

2. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) How closely are you following this year's governors' race in the state of Virginia: very closely, somewhat closely, not so closely, or not closely at all?

		NET	Very	Smwt.	NET	Not so	At all	No opinion
10/27/13	LV	95	46	48	5	4	1	0
10/27/13	RV	79	33	46	21	10	10	*
9/22/13	RV	68	25	44	31	19	12	*
5/2/13	RV	48	10	38	52	27	25	*
10/25/09	LV	89	39	50	11	9	2	*
10/7/09	LV	87	33	54	13	11	2	*
9/17/09	LV	84	34	51	15	12	4	*
8/14/09	LV	67	25	42	32	23	9	1
8/14/09	RV	48	17	32	51	30	21	*
10/26/05	LV	87	31	56	13	10	2	*
9/9/05	LV	73	20	53	27	20	7	*
9/9/05	RV	59	15	44	41	26	15	*
8/23/01	RV	60	16	44	39	26	13	1
8/27/00	RV	61	21	40	38	25	13	*
6/23/94	RV	74	27	47	27	18	9	*
2/3/94		73	27	46	27	18	9	*
9/93	RV	68	21	47	31	21	10	*

*2009 and earlier: Would you say you are following this year's governor's race in the state of Virginia very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not closely at all?

3. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) If the election were being held today and the candidates were (Terry McAuliffe, the Democrat), (Ken Cuccinelli, the Republican), and (Robert Sarvis running as a Libertarian) for whom would you vote? Which one are you leaning toward right now? (IF ALREADY VOTED) For whom did you vote for governor?

NET LEANED VOTE:

		McAuliffe	Cuccinelli	Sarvis	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opin.
10/27/13	LV	51	39	8	*	*	0	1
9/22/13	LV	47	39	10	0	1	0	2
10/27/13	RV	45	39	9	*	2	2	3
9/22/13	RV	44	34	11	*	5	1	4

4. (AMONG LIKELY VOTERS) Will you definitely vote for (MCAULIFFE/CUCCINELLI/SARVIS), or is there a chance you could change your mind and vote for someone else?

		Definitely vote for	-Chance change mind - NET	Good	Unlikely	No opinion
McAuliffe:						
10/27/13	LV	84	15	5	10	1
9/22/13	LV	73	24	7	17	3
5/2/13	LV	75	25	6	19	1
Cuccinelli:						
10/27/13	LV	74	23	6	17	3
9/22/13	LV	77	20	5	15	3
5/2/13	LV	59	37	16	21	4

Sarvis: Sample too small to report

5. (ASKED OF SARVIS SUPPORTERS) If Sarvis were not running in the race, would you (vote for/have voted for) (McAuliffe), (Cuccinelli), someone else or would you (not vote/not have voted) in the election for governor?

AMONG ALL LIKELY VOTERS - NET VOTE COMBINING SARVIS SECOND CHOICE WITH Q3:

		McAuliffe	Cuccinelli	Other	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote	No opinion
10/27/13	LV	53	42	2	*	2	1

6. (AMONG LIKELY VOTERS) Would you say you are very enthusiastic about supporting (McAuliffe/Cuccinelli), somewhat enthusiastic, not so enthusiastic, or not enthusiastic at all?

		---- Enthusiastic ----			---- Not enthusiastic ----			No opinion
		NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	
McAuliffe:								
10/27/13	LV	80	29	51	20	14	6	*
9/22/13	LV	75	19	56	25	17	7	1
5/2/13	LV	76	20	56	22	16	6	3
Cuccinelli:								
10/27/13	LV	87	35	52	13	10	3	0
9/22/13	LV	86	31	55	13	8	5	1

5/2/13	LV	81	20	61	18	14	3	1
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Q7a. (AMONG MCAULIFFE SUPPORTERS) Is your vote more for McAuliffe, or more against Cuccinelli?

		For McAuliffe	Against Cuccinelli	No opinion
10/27/13	LV	34	64	2

Q7b. (AMONG CUCCINELLI SUPPORTERS) Is your vote more for Cuccinelli, or more against McAuliffe?

		For Cuccinelli	Against McAuliffe	No opinion
10/27/13	LV	50	44	5

8. (AMONG LIKELY VOTERS) As it stands now, how much do you know about [INSERT NAME] and his qualifications to be governor: Do you know a lot about [INSERT NAME], a fair amount, just a little, or nothing at all?

		-- Lot/Fair Amt --		-----Little/None-----			
		A	A fair		Just a	Nothing	No
	NET	lot	amount	NET	little	at all	opinion
a. McAuliffe							
10/27/13	LV	81	23	58	18	15	4
9/22/13	LV	65	16	49	34	25	10
5/2/13	LV	38	9	29	61	38	23
b. Cuccinelli							
10/27/13	LV	86	34	52	14	12	2
9/22/13	LV	72	24	48	28	20	8
5/2/13	LV	60	17	43	40	27	12
c. Sarvis							
10/27/13	LV	21	3	18	78	35	43

Trend for comparison:

Deeds:

10/7/09	LV	67	13	55	32	28	5	*
8/14/09	RV	37	6	31	62	39	23	*

McDonnell:

10/7/09	LV	73	16	56	27	23	4	*
8/14/09	RV	37	7	30	62	38	25	*

9. (AMONG LIKELY VOTERS) Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the choice of candidates for Governor this year in Virginia - are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied or very dissatisfied?

		----- Satisfied -----		--- Dissatisfied ---		No	
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Very	
10/27/13	LV	55	13	41	44	28	17

10. (AMONG LIKELY VOTERS) For each of the following, please tell me if you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or strongly unfavorable impression. First, (INSERT ITEM)

10/27/13 - Summary table among likely voters

	---- Favorable ----			--- Unfavorable ---			No
	NET	Strgly	Smwhat	NET	Smwhat	Strgly	op.
a. The Democratic Party in your state	53	20	33	45	15	30	2
b. The Republican Party in your state	41	14	27	57	18	39	2
c. The Democratic Party nationally	50	21	29	48	12	36	2
d. The Republican Party nationally	32	8	25	65	19	46	3

Trend:

a. The Democratic Party in your state

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
10/27/13 LV	53	20	33	45	15	30	2
5/2/13 LV	50	20	30	47	16	30	4
6/3/07	64	16	48	30	20	10	6

b. The Republican Party in your state

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
10/27/13 LV	41	14	27	57	18	39	2
5/2/13 LV	48	20	28	48	18	30	4
6/3/07	54	12	42	40	24	16	6

c. The Democratic Party nationally

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
10/27/13 LV	50	21	29	48	12	36	2
5/2/13 LV	46	19	27	52	13	39	2
6/3/07	56	16	40	40	21	19	4

d. The Republican Party nationally

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
10/27/13 LV	32	8	25	65	19	46	3
5/2/13 LV	40	13	27	58	21	37	2
6/3/07	43	10	33	52	27	26	5

11. (AMONG LIKELY VOTERS) Regardless of how you may vote, whom do you trust to do a better job handling [ITEM] - (McAuliffe) or (Cuccinelli)?

10/27/13 - Summary table among likely voters*

	McAuliffe	Cuccinelli	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No op.
a. Issues of special concern					
to women	57	30	1	4	7
b. Abortion	52	35	*	5	8
c. Transportation	40	41	1	3	14
d. Energy and the environment	48	40	2	2	8
e. The economy and jobs	50	41	2	4	4
f. Taxes	47	43	1	6	4
g. Health care	53	34	2	6	5

*Item a asked full sample, items b-d half sample, e-g other half sample.

Trend

a. Issues of special concern to women

	McAuliffe	Cuccinelli	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
10/27/13 LV	57	30	1	4	7
9/22/13 LV	54	30	1	5	9

b. Abortion

	McAuliffe	Cuccinelli	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
10/27/13 LV	52	35	*	5	8
9/22/13 LV	51	34	*	5	10

c. Transportation

	McAuliffe	Cuccinelli	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
10/27/13 LV	40	41	1	3	14
9/22/13 LV	41	41	2	4	12

d. Energy and the environment

	McAuliffe	Cuccinelli	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
10/27/13 LV	48	40	2	2	8
9/22/13 LV	48	36	1	3	12

e. The economy and jobs

	McAuliffe	Cuccinelli	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
10/27/13 LV	50	41	2	4	4
9/22/13 LV	43	46	1	5	5

f. Taxes

	McAuliffe	Cuccinelli	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
10/27/13 LV	47	43	1	6	4
9/22/13 LV	44	43	2	6	4

g. Health care

	McAuliffe	Cuccinelli	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
10/27/13 LV	53	34	2	6	5
9/22/13 LV	45	43	1	3	7

12. (AMONG LIKELY VOTERS) Regardless of how you may vote, do you think (McAuliffe) or (Cuccinelli) [ITEM]?

10/27/13 - Summary table among likely voters

	McAuliffe	Cuccinelli	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No op.
a. would be a more effective leader	49	40	2	5	5
b. better understands the economic problems people in Virginia are having	44	40	2	9	5
c. is more honest and trustworthy	41	32	3	17	6
d. more closely shares your values	49	41	1	7	2
e. would work better with both Democrats and Republicans	52	30	1	11	6

Trend where available:

a. would be a more effective leader

		McAuliffe	Cuccinelli	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
10/27/13	LV	49	40	2	5	5
9/22/13	LV	43	43	3	5	6

b. better understands the economic problems people in Virginia are having

		McAuliffe	Cuccinelli	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
10/27/13	LV	44	40	2	9	5
9/22/13	LV	40	41	4	8	6

c. is more honest and trustworthy

		McAuliffe	Cuccinelli	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
10/27/13	LV	41	32	3	17	6
9/22/13	LV	39	34	3	16	7

d. more closely shares your values

		McAuliffe	Cuccinelli	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
10/27/13	LV	49	41	1	7	2
9/22/13	LV	46	42	1	6	4

e. no trend

13. (AMONG LIKELY VOTERS) Regardless of how you may vote, do you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of (NAME)?

10/27/13 - summary table among likely voters

		----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			No opinion
		NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
a. Terry McAuliffe		53	19	34	44	20	24	3
b. Ken Cuccinelli		41	17	24	58	14	43	2
c. Robert Sarvis		28	5	23	17	13	4	55

Trend where available:

a. Terry McAuliffe

		----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			No opinion
		NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
10/27/13	LV	53	19	34	44	20	24	3
9/22/13	LV	50	14	35	41	20	21	10
5/2/12	RV	21	4	17	22	16	6	57

b. Ken Cuccinelli

		----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			No opinion
		NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
10/27/13	LV	41	17	24	58	14	43	2
9/22/13	LV	43	18	25	52	20	32	6
5/2/12	RV	35	13	22	31	14	17	33
10/7/09	LV	51	NA	NA	16	NA	NA	33

c. No trend

14. (AMONG LIKELY VOTERS) Please tell me how important the following state issues [are/were] in deciding how [you'll vote/you voted] for governor this year. How about (INSERT ITEM)? Is that very important in deciding how [you'll vote/you voted], fairly important, not too important, or not important at all?

10/27/13 - summary table among likely voters*

	--- Important ---			----- Not important -----			No
	NET	Very	Fairly	NET	Not too	Not at all	opin.
a. The partial shutdown of the federal government earlier this month	69	55	14	30	12	18	1
b. Ethical scandals involving Governor Bob McDonnell	52	25	26	45	21	24	3
c. Job creation	95	72	23	4	2	2	*
d. Transportation and roads	85	42	43	14	11	3	*
e. Health care	91	72	18	9	5	4	*
f. Education	92	72	20	8	6	2	0
g. Taxes	88	57	31	12	9	2	*
h. Social issues such as abortion and gay marriage	76	55	21	23	14	9	*

*Item a,b asked full sample, items c-e half sample, f-h other half sample.

15. (AMONG LIKELY VOTERS) Overall, do you think (NAME)'s views on most issues are (too liberal for you), (too conservative for you), or just about right?

	Too liberal	Too conservative	Just about right	No opinion
a. Terry McAuliffe				
10/27/13 LV	40	5	50	5
9/22/13 LV	41	4	48	8
b. Ken Cuccinelli				
10/27/13 LV	6	54	36	4
9/22/13 LV	7	47	40	6

16. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) On another topic, as you may know, the candidates in November's election for Lieutenant Governor include (Ralph Northam, the Democrat) and (E.W. Jackson, the Republican). If that election were being held today would you vote for (Northam, the Democrat) or (Jackson, the Republican)? Which one are you leaning toward right now? (IF ALREADY VOTED) For whom did you vote for Lieutenant Governor?

NET LEANED VOTE:

	Northam	Jackson	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
10/27/13 LV	52	39	0	3	*	6
9/22/13 LV	45	42	*	7	1	6
10/27/13 RV	51	39	*	4	*	6
9/22/13 RV	42	36	*	12	1	9

17. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) As you may know, the candidates in November's election for Attorney General include (Mark Herring, the Democrat) and (Mark Obenshain, the Republican)? If that election were being held today would you vote for (Herring, the Democrat) or (Obenshain, the Republican)? Which one are you leaning toward right now? (IF ALREADY VOTED) For whom did you vote for Attorney General?

NET LEANED VOTE:

		Herring	Obenshain	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
10/27/13	LV	49	46	0	1	*	3
9/22/13	LV	45	42	*	5	1	8
10/27/13	RV	47	47	0	2	*	4
9/22/13	RV	42	40	*	8	1	9

18. (AMONG LIKELY VOTERS) Based on what you know or have heard, do you think (NAME) has been conducting mainly a positive campaign, or mainly a negative campaign?

10/27/13 - summary table among likely voters

	Positive	Negative	No opinion
a. Terry McAuliffe	33	60	7
b. Ken Cuccinelli	32	62	6

Compare to:

	Positive	Negative	No opinion
10/25/09 LV Deeds (D)	34	61	5
10/25/09 LV McDonnell (R)	57	37	6
10/26/05 LV Kaine (D)	57	40	3
10/26/05 LV Kilgore (R)	29	67	4
10/25/01 LV Warner (D)	68	27	5
10/25/01 LV Earley (R)	39	53	8

19. (AMONG THOSE WHO SAY BOTH ARE NEGATIVE) Overall, who is running the more negative campaign, (McAuliffe) or (Cuccinelli)?

	McAuliffe	Cuccinelli	No opinion
10/27/13 LV	34	38	28

NET Q18a/Q18b/Q19:

	Only McAuliffe more negative	Only Cuccinelli more negative	Neither more negative	No opinion
10/27/13 LV	34	37	25	4

20. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) Have you personally been contacted by a representative of the [INSERT] campaign, either by phone, in-person, or online asking you for your support, or not?

10/27/13 - summary table

	Yes	No	No opinion
a. McAuliffe	22	76	2
b. Cuccinelli	21	78	1

On another subject...

21. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) Do you approve or disapprove of the partial shutdown of the U.S. government this month? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

	-----	Approve	-----	-----	Disapprove	-----	No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
10/27/13 RV	15	9	6	82	11	72	3

22. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) Who do you think was mainly responsible for the partial shutdown of the federal government - (Obama) or the (Republicans in Congress)?

	Obama	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
10/27/13 RV	30	51	14	2	3

23. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) Were you personally inconvenienced by the partial shutdown of the federal government, or not? (IF INCONVENIENCED) Was it a major inconvenience or a minor inconvenience?

	----- Yes -----					
	NET	Major	Minor	No op. *	No	No opinion
10/27/13 RV	35	17	18	*	64	1

24. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) What is your view of the Tea Party political movement - would you say you support it strongly, support it somewhat, oppose it somewhat or oppose it strongly?

	----- Support -----			----- Oppose -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
10/27/13 RV	36	11	25	53	17	36	11
5/2/12 RV	41	13	28	50	20	30	9
5/4/11 RV	45	11	34	43	17	26	12

25. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) Are you or anyone in your household employed by the federal government or by a company that does work for the federal government, or not?

	----- Yes -----					No	No opinion
	NET	Resp	Other HH	Both	No		
10/27/13 RV	27	13	11	3	72		1

Party ID. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent or what?

	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Other	No op.
10/27/13	32	24	31	6	7
10/27/13 RV	33	28	33	4	2
10/27/13 LV	35	27	33	4	*
9/22/13	33	24	33	6	5
9/22/13 RV	33	26	34	6	1
9/22/13 LV	33	26	34	6	*
5/2/13	28	26	33	8	4
5/2/13 RV	30	26	33	8	3
5/2/13 LV	30	28	34	8	*
10/26/12	31	23	36	6	3
9/16/12	32	24	35	5	4
5/2/12	31	25	36	5	2
5/4/11	31	22	36	7	4
10/25/09	33	24	34	6	2
10/7/09	33	25	34	6	2
9/17/09	33	25	33	7	2
8/14/09	31	28	37	3	1
10/25/08	35	26	31	6	1
9/21/08	33	24	34	7	2
10/8/07	30	27	38	4	1
6/3/07	34	27	28	4	6
10/12/06 LV	33	32	32	3	*
10/26/05 LV	33	37	26	3	1

9/9/05	RV	32	34	29	4	*
10/25/01	LV	31	37	26	5	1
8/23/01	RV	32	33	29	5	1
10/26/00	LV	33	32	28	6	1
8/27/00	RV	29	34	32	5	1
10/21/97	LV	31	32	31	5	1
9/16/97	RV	28	31	35	4	1
6/23/94		29	29	32	8	2
9/28/93	RV	30	30	35	4	1
11/2/89	LV	33	32	31	3	1

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